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1. SUMMARY: AT PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE HAGUE APRIL 9, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT BERKHOUWER ANNOUNCED HE WOULD BE VISITING THE US OVER EASTER AND HAD ACCEPTED SOVIET INVITIATION VISIT RUSSIA LAST WEEK IN MAY. BERKHOUWER REPORTED TO HAVE SAID HE WOULD "PROBABLY SEE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND MEMBER OF CONGRESS." EC PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT AS RESULT DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS APRIL 6, PRIME MINISTER WILSON PREPARED TO RECEIVE HIM SOON TO DISCUSS BRITISH EC RENOGIATION PLANS. END SUMMARY.

2. AT PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE HAGUE AFTERNOON APRIL 9, EUROPEAN
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PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT BERKHOUWER ANNOUNCED HE WOULD BE LEAVING

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FOR VISIT TO US APRIL 10. IN ADDITION TO SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS IN CALIFORNIA, BERKHOUWER SAID "HE WOULD MOST PROBABLY BE HAVING MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, PRESIDENT NIXON AND VICE PRESIDENT FORD." FYI: THESE REPORTS NOT CARRIED IN ACCOUNTS OF CONFERENCE WHICH APPEARED IN THREE MORNING DAILIES BUT IN AFTERNOON ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDITION OF ANP NEWS BULLETIN. END FYI.

3. BERKHOUWER ANNOUNCED HE HAD ALSO RECEIVED INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO VISIT RUSSIA. HE POINTED OUT THIS WAS FIRST TIME SOVIETS HAD INVITED HIGH-LEVEL EC OFFICIAL FOR VISIT. BERKHOUWER PLANS MAKE TRIP END OF MAY.

4. BERKHOUWER SAID THAT AFTER HIS CONFERSATIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER WILSON IN PARIS APRIL 6, HE HAD IMPRESSION WILSON WAS PREPARED TO RECEIVE HIM SOON TO DISCUSS BRITISH-EC RENOGOTIATION INTENTIONS. PRESS ASKED BERKHOUWER ABOUT TREATMENT ACCORDED HIM BY FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN IN LUXEMBOURG. EC PARLIAMENT PRESIDENT (WHO PRESS REPORTED WAS FURIOUS AT CALLAGHAN SNUB) SAID HE HAD TAKEN INCIDENT IN STRIDE. BERKHOUWER REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT BRITAIN SHOULD SEND ITS FULL QUOTA PARLIAMENTARIANS TO EC PARLIAMENT. HE TERMED REQUEST FOR REVISION OF BASIC EC TREATY SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN EC MEMBER STATE "UNACCEPTABLE."

5. BERKHOUWER USED PRESS CONFERENCE TO ATTACK FORMATION OF BLOCS IN EUROPE AND STATED IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR EUROPE TO OPERATE WITHOUT FRANCE. HE CLAIMED EUROPE TOO INTROSPECTIVE AND FREQUENTLY OVERLOOKED THE FACT THAT THERE GREAT INTEREST IN EUROPE IN US, LATIN AMERICA, SEA AND SOVIET UNION.

6. BERKHOUWER SAID HE WILL BE GOING TO COLOMBIA IN JULY FOR MEETING OF PARLATINO AND JAKARTA IN AUGUST FOR MEETING OF ASSOCIATION OF SEA NATIONS (ASEAN).
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